

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

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REASON FOR THIS TRANSMITTAL

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS
ALL COUNTY INDEPENDENT LIVING
PROGRAM COORDINATORS

- ☐ State Law Change
- ☐ Federal Law or Regulation
Change
- ☐ Court Order
- ☐ Clarification Requested by
One or More Counties
- ☒ Initiated by CDSS

SUBJECT: CALIFORNIA CONSERVATION CORPS AND
EMANCIPATING/EMANCIPATED FOSTER YOUTH

The purpose of this letter is to share with counties information concerning the California Conservation Corps (CCC), a potential option and resource for emancipating and emancipated foster youth.

The CCC can assist emancipated foster youth transition to independence and adult living. The mission of the CCC is to provide meaningful work and educational opportunities to assist young men and women ages 18 to 23 become more employable, while protecting and enhancing California's natural and human resources. It is an innovative State agency that hires more than 3,000 young men and women each year and provides more than three million hours of natural resource and disaster assistance. The CCC offers both residential and non-residential employment opportunities.

The California Department of Social Services (CDSS) recognizes the need for all youth leaving foster care to develop independent living skills. The CDSS further believes that participation in the CCC is consistent with the goal of the Independent Living Program (ILP) to assist youth who are or were in foster care achieve self sufficiency by providing job and career development, and skills needed to live independently.

The CCC helps young people focus on a career direction and offers a wide range of work experience opportunities in areas which include emergency response to fires and floods, landscape management, historic structure restoration and wildlife habitat enhancement. Equally important, the CCC emphasizes personal responsibility and the work ethic. Corpsmembers also have an opportunity to work toward a scholarship during their year in the CCC to help cover education expenses and are encouraged to continue their schooling after graduating from the Corps.

The CDSS and the County Welfare Directors Association have agreed on the need to promote the independence, stability and self sufficiency of youth aging out of the child welfare system in a series of collaborative and focused discussions over the last several years. One of the key strategies identified during these efforts was to promote recruitment efforts to increase ILP youth referrals to the CCC.

Attached for your reference are a list of CCC contacts statewide and an information brochure. We encourage you to use the CCC contacts as a resource as you integrate and coordinate services to help youth transition from foster care to independent living. We recommend inviting a CCC Recruiter to attend the ILP County Coordinator meetings to provide further information about CCC opportunities and respond to specific questions regarding the program. Additionally, a ten-minute CCC informational video is available from the CCC Recruiter upon request.

Questions regarding the CCC should be directed to the local CCC Recruiter indicated on the attached list. The main CCC phone number in Sacramento is 1-800-952-JOBS. Questions regarding the ILP should be directed to the CDSS Foster Care Policy Bureau at (916) 445-0813.

Sincerely,



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Children and Family Services Division

Attachments

c: CWDA

**CALIFORNIA CONSERVATION CORPS
ZONE RECRUITERS**

Zone 1 Recruiter: Bill Reeves	Office:	2345 Fair Street, Chico, CA 95927
	Mail:	P.O. Box 838, Magalia, CA 95954
	Telephone:	Office and Fax (916) 895-4336

Zone 2 Recruiter: Mary Baum	Office/Mail:	1719 24th Street, Sacramento, CA 95816
	Office/Mail:	3710 Christian Valley Road, Auburn, CA 95603
	Telephone:	(916) 341-3126

Zone 3 Recruiter: Gayle Brignoli	Office/Mail:	1331 South 46th Street, Richmond, CA 94804
	Telephone:	(510) 237-0641

Zone 4 Recruiter: Sylvia Narvarro	Office/Mail:	2976 N. Argyle, Suite 101, Fresno, CA 93727
	Mail:	P. O. Box 1380, San Luis Obispo, CA 93406
	Telephone:	(209) 292-7791

Zone 5 Recruiter: Duane Wilson	Office/Mail:	4366 S. Main Street, Los Angeles, CA 90037
	Telephone:	(213) 744-2254

Zone 6 Recruiter: Michelle Gall	Office/Mail:	3530 W. Pomona Blvd., Pomona, CA 91768
	Mail:	P. O. Box 901, Patton, CA 92369
	Telephone:	(909) 862-0767

Zone 7 Recruiter: Cynthia Aguayo	Office/Mail:	1344 F Street, San Diego, CA 92101
	Telephone:	(619) 645-2671